

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, NOVEMBER 6, 1941

The Board of Public Works met on November 6, 1941, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 1941, a copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

BUDGET:

Miscellaneous Appropriation #2

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the appropriations in the Budget for the fiscal years 1942 and 1943 to -

Cardinal Gibbons Institute	\$2,500.00
Baltimore Association of Commerce	5,000.00, **

the appropriations reading that payment of them is subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

The Board approved payment of these appropriations, in quarterly installments, in the same manner as appropriations to State-Aided Institutions.

CHELTEMHAM SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication, dated November 3, 1941, from Cheltenham School for Boys, in which authority was requested to have the firm of Kea, Ross, and Walton, to act as architects and to draw the necessary plans and specifications for construction and installations authorized under the General Bond Issue of 1941. Also, to advertise for and accept bids for the installation of required water and sewerage facilities, with such costs to be charged to the appropriation in the bond issue.

The Board approved the request that the school proceed with the drawing of plans and specifications, and the receiving of bids with the understanding that it would be necessary for the school to submit to the Board for approval, its recommendations as to the awarding of contracts for the work.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND:

Mr. Kirkman reported that he had conferred with the Commissioners of the State Accident Fund and had agreed to recommend the making available of the Contingent Reserve Fund in the State Accident Fund Account in the amount of \$5,352.00, to take care of additional personnel and the purchase of necessary office equipment, additional office space and traveling expenses, all of which will be covered by budget amendment to be approved by the Governor.

The Board approved the recommendation made by Mr. Kirkman.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board an offer of compromise by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, of the State's claim against the City for certain taxes due under the Admissions Tax Law, the claim for such taxes having arisen out of the operation by the City of swimming pools at various City Parks.

\*\* This appropriation being subject to the 1% budget reduction as required by act of the General Assembly, and minutes of page 26, this book, Maryland Development Bureau, (being the same organization).

After much discussion between the Comptroller's Office and the officials of Baltimore City, it was agreed that the State would accept the sum of \$187.10, in settlement of the State's claim, up to and including the year 1940, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

After reviewing the situation and realizing that any question as to the right of the State to collect the admission's tax on these activities with the City through litigation would be avoided and the State is assured of receipt of taxes in the future, it was decided to approve the offer of \$187.10 in settlement to 1940, inclusive.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated November 4, 1941, from Mr. Maxwell Suls, attorney, of Baltimore, covering offer by the Federal Motor and Sales Company of the sum of \$296.00 in compromise settlement of franchise tax due by that corporation. It was represented that the charter of the corporation had been forfeited in 1936 for non-payment of taxes, and it was desired to reinstate the charter at this time to enable the officers of the corporation to convey title to a piece of real estate standing in the name of the corporation to the holders of a mortgage on the property in order to avoid the expense of foreclosure proceedings.

The Board approved the offer of compromise and authorized the Comptroller to accept the sum of \$296.00 in settlement of franchise taxes due by the corporation up to and including the year 1941.

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Refunds:

After due consideration the Board authorized the Comptroller to make the following refunds from Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #24, of the budget for the fiscal year 1942.

Alcoholic Beverages Tax Division:		\$4,209.67
Mrs. Algie Fabrizio - 1941	\$74.79	
Post Exchange, Edgewood Arsenal	136.32	
" " " "	3.38	
Post Exchange, Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md.	8.57	
Officer's Club, Edgewood Arsenal	11.68	
Post Exchange, Edgewood Arsenal	183.04	
Ship's Service Store, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md.	48.05	
" " " "	57.05	
Post Exchange, Fort Geo. G. Meade	378.68	
" " " "	412.15	
Post Exchange, 29th Div., Fort Geo. G. Meade	897.04	
" " " "	816.70	
N.C.O. Club, Holabird Quartermaster Depot, Baltimore	242.36	
" " " "	22.66	
Post Exchange, Ordnance Training Center, Aberdeen	365.07	
" " " "	320.71	
Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co.	20.00	
St. Patrick's Church	11.00	
The Cathedral	9.90	
St. Francis Xavier Church	2.00	
Shrine of the Little Flower	6.10	
St. Bernadine's Church	3.84	
St. Mary's Eminary	4.80	
St. Mary's Seminary	9.90	
St. Ambrose Church	10.10	
Mount Hope Retreat	9.80	

St. Stanislaw's Church	9.90	
Little Sisters of the Poor	10.00	
St. Elizabeth's Church	11.20	
Loyola College	11.00	
St. James' Church	9.80	
St. John's Church	9.70	
St. Charles' College	4.00	
St. Basil's Greek Catholic Church	.48	
The Mission House	9.70	
Franciscan Fathers Novitiate	19.90	
Chaplains of the Visitation Convent	2.00	
St. Patrick's Church	1.92	
Sisters of St. Francis	2.00	
St. John's Church	2.00	
Sacred Heart Church	9.50	
St. Aloysius' Church & Missions	5.70	
" " " "	2.00	
St. Mary's Academy	2.00	
St. Mary's Church	2.00	
St. Clement's Church	1.92	
St. Francis de Sales Church	2.00	
" " " "	2.00	
Sacred Heart Church	1.92	
St. John's Church	5.50	
St. John the Baptist Church	2.00	
Kirkleigh Villa	1.92	
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Corporation Taxes:		\$376.52
The Dairy Cottages, Inc.	.24	
The Beechfield Co.	3.50	
Baltimore Asphalt Block & Tile Co.	19.36	
The Croft Brewing Co.	104.40	
May Department Stores Co.	127.21	
Metropolitan Industrial Bankers, Inc.	53.17	
Real Estate Trust Co.	42.03	
H. J. Gettemuller Co., Inc.	26.61	
Furst-McNess Company		45.53
Income Tax:		188.04
Philip B. Welsh, 1938	23.12	
Majestic Distilling Co., Inc., 1937	1.49	
Comptroller-Sun Cab Co., 1937 )	97.23	
Comptroller-Sun Cab Co., 1938 )	42.47	
to apply on 1939 and 1940 taxes		
Comptroller of the Treasury BCR-64		
(Refund overpayment in 1938, B-27,		
to apply on a deficiency in 1939,		
Cl-1571)	3.64	
Democratic Advocate Co., 1938	6.95	
Comptroller of the Treasury BRR-628		
(Refund 1938 tax overpayment in		
B-136705 to apply on a deficiency		
in C3-5366.)	13.14	
Title Tax:		93.06
John C. Morkosky	4.00	
Louis G. Galli	5.02	
Irving Ernest Holober, Staff Sergeant	2.70	
John Glaros	3.50	
Robert Earl Freeman	5.50	
Ruth Kerlin Pugh	5.90	
Wm. Francis Ahern	7.00	
Jess Barron Deuberry	1.80	
Samuel Clarence Hartle	6.20	
Harold Elliott Cropper	7.50	
D. S. & D. Motors	12.04	

Fisher J. Beasley	4.30	
Alice B. Brown	3.70	
Michael S. Karp	1.70	
Harold Maggard	5.90	
Delmar R. Henderson	1.30	
Columbus Washington Henry	2.00	
Wm. James Widmayer	3.50	
Jacob Melvin Lantz	3.50	
Daisy Collinson King	6.00	
Licenses:		70.00
Pen Mar Restaurant	45.00	
James L. Benson	25.00	
Court Costs:		
Clerk of the Court of Appeals		61.70
Total		\$5,044.52

#### CONVENTIONS:

The Comptroller reported that his office was represented at the convention of the North American Gasoline Tax Conference which was held at Charleston, West Virginia, on October 23rd to 25th, by Mr. John P. Mannion, Chief of the Gasoline Tax Division, and requested approval to the action of the Comptroller in having the office represented at that meeting.

The request of the Comptroller was approved.

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Mr. Kirkman stated that he had collected considerable data relative to the conventions at which State Agencies are represented. The Board, because of the late hour, decided to defer consideration of this matter until some later date.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

Maryland House of Correction - The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Dr. J. LeRoy Wright, Warden of the Maryland House of Correction, requesting authority to sell a 1939 Buick automobile and buy a Chevrolet automobile, in as much as it would be possible to obtain a better price by handling the transaction in this way due to the fact that the Chevrolet Company permits purchase direct from the factory, in which case the factory does not take used cars in trade. Dr. Wright stated he had a tentative price of \$430.00 and he requested that he be authorized to dispose of the car at approximately that price.

The Board approved this request.

Maryland House of Correction - The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board two communications from Mr. Willis R. Jones, Chairman of the Department of Correction, dated September 23rd and October 27th, 1941, relative to the balance remaining in the old State Use Account of \$4,935.98 and asking that this amount be credited to budget Item #301 - "Food", of the Maryland House of Correction, for the fiscal year 1942.

In his letters, Mr. Jones outlined the difficulties he has been encountering at this time in connection with operating expenses due to the increased cost of food. He felt that with the addition of this old balance to the food account in 1942, it would be possible to meet the increased operating costs. It was also stated in Mr. Jones' communications that the population of the House of Correction is larger at this time than when the budget for 1942 was passed by the Legislature.

The Board approved this request.

#### DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND WATER RESOURCES:

See: State Employment Commissioner, these minutes.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Department of State Forests and Parks, dated October 11, 1941, in which authority was requested for the purchase of 600 acres of land in Garrett County from the A. B. Crichton Company, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, at approximately \$2.00 per acre;

and, the acceptance by the Board of a gift of 19 acres from Mr. John M. Glenn, of New York City, adjoining the Patapsco State Park.

The Board approved both the purchase of land and the acceptance of a gift of land, as mentioned.

GREATER ANNAPOLIS RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Greater Annapolis Recreation Association, Inc., dated September 8, 1941, relative to the use of the Annapolis Armory for affairs sponsored by the U. S. O.

As it was understood that other arrangements have been made for these activities, it was not felt necessary to give any consideration to the request.

HALL OF RECORDS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated November 4, 1941, addressed to Governor O'Connor by Judge Carroll T. Bond, Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission, relative to the plans of St. John's College to surround the grounds of that institution with a wall, and calling attention to the affect this would have on the Hall of Records building belonging to the State, which is located on the campus of St. John's College.

The Board directed the Secretary to ask for a plan of the proposed wall so that some study could be made as to any undesirable affect it would have in connection with the Hall of Records and the land immediately surrounding it, from the State's viewpoint.

JESSUP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Jessup Volunteer Fire Department, dated October 1, 1941, in which it was requested that the State give some consideration to a contribution to the maintenance of that department because of its availability for service at the Maryland House of Correction, in the event it was needed for such service, from time to time. The Fire Department, in its letter, stated that during the past few years it has been called upon to cover fires at the institution.

The Board was unable to give consideration to the request because of the fact that there are no funds available at this time for such a purpose.

LEASES:

Maryland State Police: Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board, for approval, leases covering rental of additional ground at the Police Sub-Stations at Frederick and Randallstown.

- 1- The additional ground at Frederick will cost \$60.00 per month, and will include facilities for maintaining the State Police;
- 2- The additional ground at Randallstown will cost \$50.00 per year, with an option to buy the land.

The leasing of these properties is in connection with the use of new radio equipment, and dormitory facilities at Frederick.

The Board approved both of these leases.

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Fair Rent Commission - The matter of lease for office space for the Fair Rent Commission was deferred for the present.

State Department of Public Welfare - Mr. Kirkman submitted for consideration a lease covering offices of the State Department of Public Welfare at 120 W. Redwood Street, Baltimore, this being a renewal of the present lease, under the same terms and conditions.

The Board approved this lease.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from The Jos. S. Wernig Express Co., Inc. of Baltimore, dated October 9, 1941, advising of the availability of a three-story garage at 7-9-Frederick Street, Baltimore, as quarters for the Maryland State Police.

As it had already been arranged for the Maryland State Police to quarter themselves at the 110th Field Artillery Armory at Pikesville, Maryland, no consideration was given to the letter from this company.

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See: Leases, these minutes.

MARYLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

The matter of salary for Miss Bertha Durney, who has been working for the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, was discussed and Mr. Kirkman stated that provision was being made in the State Roads Commission budget to take care of Miss Durney's salary from October 1, 1941.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS:

Mr. Kirkman reported that there had been a meeting at which he and representatives of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls were present, along with Mr. J. R. McComas, Assistant Sanitary Engineer of the State Department of Health, Mr. F. C. Wachter, sanitary engineer employed by the school in connection with the work of installation of sewage disposal apparatus, and Mr. J. O. McCusker, Chief Deputy Comptroller, relative to the work to be done in connection with disposal of sewage for the institution, for which there is an appropriation of \$10,000 in the General Bond Issue of 1941. The engineer for the institution had advanced the proposal that a sewer line from the institution be installed so that the sewage from the institution would be carried to the sewer lines of the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission at Glen Burnie. It was thought, however, that this work would cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000, with some possibility of recovery to the State in cases where properties would be built along the line and connected therewith. However, it was agreed at that meeting that this plan was not feasible at this time, and that it would be better for the State to proceed with the original plan to dispose of the sewage in the vicinity of the institution, which could be done at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Mr. Kirkman recommended that the Board give its approval to proceeding with the original plan.

The Board approved Mr. Kirkman's recommendation.

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM:

The Board discussed the problem of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and particularly the situation existing at Henryton. After discussing the matter fully, it was felt that by delaying the opening of the new building until January 1942, it would be possible to carry on for the balance of the fiscal year with the appropriation available, but with the understanding that any deficiency in the food account which might occur in the latter part of the fiscal year 1942 would be taken care of in the following year (1943), since the budget for 1943 contemplates the full use of the building and provision for the appropriation was made in the budget for that year.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 14, 1941, from Attorney General Wm. C. Walsh, relative to the title of various parcels of land comprising Camp Ritchie, Cascade, Maryland. Attorney General Walsh advised that former Attorney General Wm. P. Lane had stated that his office had checked up the titles to the various parcels up to the time they were acquired by General Reckord, with the possible exception of the Charles S. Gardner, Jr. title, but did not bring the titles down to the date of the deed by which General and Mrs. Reckord conveyed the parcels to the State. Attorney General Walsh further stated that while he felt confident that there are no liens against General Reckord in Washington County, and he is certain that General Reckord has done nothing to impair the titles which he received when the properties were acquired, he nevertheless felt that the State should have the abstracts of title for all of the parcels of land brought up to date and that as former Attorney General Lane examined them in the first instance and prepared the abstracts, he suggested that General Lane be employed to extend the titles to the date of the deed from General Reckord to the State of Maryland.

This recommendation was agreeable to the Board and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Attorney General to arrange for this work to be done.

MINERS HOSPITAL:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from The Miners Hospital for a budget amendment which would provide for use in 1942 of the unexpended balance in the account of the institution at September 30, 1941. It was explained that because of the necessity of doing certain work and adding to the personnel of the institution this balance should be made available. Otherwise, it would not be possible for the hospital to take care of the work which will come to it in the fiscal year 1942.

The Board approved use in 1942 of the 1941 balance, as covered by an amendment to be recommended by Mr. Kirkman and approved by the Governor.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 6, 1941, from The Sun relative to a check for \$244.12 which had been forwarded to that newspaper as its share of the appropriation made by the General Assembly of 1941 in the Budget for the fiscal year 1942 for payment to newspapers for publication of advertisements of Constitutional Amendments in 1938. The newspaper had returned the check to the Comptroller, stating that it represented only one-half of the balance due the newspaper for this work and refusing to accept the check in full settlement of the account.

The Board suggested to the Comptroller that the check be returned to The Sun with the advice that it be accepted without prejudice to any claim the newspaper felt it might have in connection with this particular account.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

A delegation of Labor representatives, including -  
     Carl G. Scholtz, Business Manager - Local Union O. B-28  
     International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
     Raymond J. Ward, Business Representative-Bricklayers  
                                     and Masons Union No. 1 of Md.

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     Hamilton C. DuBreuil, Business Representative-Steam Fitters  
                                     & Helpers Local No. 438,

appeared before the Board and advised that because it had been recommended that contract at Morgan State College for the mechanical work be given to Charles T. King, Inc, a non-union contractor, and contract for the construction of the building to Steiner Construction Company, a union contractor, difficulties were very likely to arise because of the fact that union workmen would not be permitted to work on the project at the same time non-union workmen were engaged.



The matter was discussed fully, the Board feeling that all bidders were on an equal basis as far as plans and specifications were concerned, without any mention being made of any labor situations.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated October 27, 1941 from the Board of Trustees of Morgan State College, advising of the opening of bids for the work involved in the construction and equipment of a new Power House at that institution, and recommending that the low bid of Steiner Construction Company of \$38,193.00, being the base bid of that company with alternates considered, be accepted, and further recommended that the bid of Charles T. King, Inc. in the amount of \$46,413.00 for furnishing and installing mechanical equipment and \$2,277.00 for plumbing work, be accepted.

The recommendations of the Board of Trustees of Morgan State College were approved and the Secretary was directed to advise the Board of Trustees of their authority to proceed with the making of contracts with these firms for the work covered by their proposals.

Payment for this work is to be made from the appropriation of \$80,000.00 in the January 15th, 1942 and July 15th, 1942 in the amount of \$15,000.00 installments of the General Bond Issue of 1941.

OYSTERS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that there is a balance of \$1,000 in the 1938 appropriation account and \$15,000 in the 1939 appropriation account for Damage to Oyster Beds in Wicomico River. It was felt that these balances should be carried forward since it is possible that some claim will be filed for damages and that it would be necessary to have money available to take care of the payment of any such claims which are allowable.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE:

See: Hall of Records, these minutes.

ST. MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 7, 1941, from St. Mary's Female Seminary, in which it was requested that the balance of \$12.49 remaining unexpended in the appropriation to that school in the General Bond Issue of 1939 be used for the purpose of transferring a sink from the boiler room in the gymnasium to the lower hall outside the recreation room.

The Board approved this request.

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 15, 1941 (referred to Mr. Kirkman under date of October 18th, 1941) from Dr. Kenneth B. Jones, Superintendent of Springfield State Hospital, requesting that the institution be authorized to purchase 133 acres of land, known as the Beall Farm, adjoining the institution's property, for the sum of \$6,000.00, payment to be made from the appropriation in the General Bond Issue of 1941 for the Purchase of Land. Mr. Kirkman explained the situation, mentioning that the land desired to be purchased was in a pocket, formed by other land owned by the institution, and he felt it was desirable for the needs of the institution, to acquire this additional property.

The Board approved the request, and authorized the purchase of this land.



STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communications from the four State Teachers' Colleges, in which it was stated that because of reduced enrollments the institutions were doubtful of their ability to operate during the present fiscal year in the manner desired, because of the loss of revenue incident to the reduction in the number of students at the various colleges. In all cases the Board was requested to supply the funds necessary to make up the anticipated loss in revenues of the colleges.

The Board was unable to provide any further money for the colleges, since there were no sources from which to appropriate any money to the colleges.

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Bowie - The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 17, 1941 from Mr. Leonidas S. James, President of Bowie State Teachers College, requesting authority to proceed with the purchase of equipment as contemplated by the appropriation of \$5,000 for this purpose in the January 15, 1942 Installment of the General Bond Issue of 1941.

The Board approved the purchase of this library equipment, same to be made through the Department of Budget & Procurement, in the usual manner.

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Frostburg - The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 22, 1941 from Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, with a list of accounts on the books of the Frostburg State Teachers' College which are regarded as uncollectible, and requesting that the college be authorized to write off the items as uncollectible, \$655.36.

After reviewing the list, the Board approved this request.

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Salisbury - The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 23, 1941, from Dr. J. D. Blackwell, President of Salisbury State Teachers' College, requesting authority to proceed with the purchase of library books by November 1, 1941, with payment to be made out of the appropriation of \$5,000 for this purpose in the January 15, 1942 Installment of the General Bond Issue of 1941.

The Board approved the purchase of these books, through the Department of Budget & Procurement, in the usual manner.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 30, 1941 from Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, stating that the State Teacher's College at Salisbury had been requested to agree to the widening of College Avenue from the By-Pass to Roberts Street (Proposed Road) by nine feet. Dr. Cook inclosed a plat indicating the widening, with his letter, showing how it would affect the college property. It was stated that the widening of College Avenue has been made urgent because of a firm engaged in National Defense work locating on College Avenue, approximately one-half mile East of the college building.

The Board felt that it should not stand in the way of the widening of the street, but that since it had no definite authority, by way of Act of the Legislature, to convey the strip of land belonging to the State Teachers' College, involved in the widening of the street, it would be unable to execute any deed which might be necessary to accomplish this purpose. The Board would be agreeable, however, to recommending the passage of such an Act at the next session of the General Assembly, to take care of the legal necessities of the situation.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE:

The Board took up for consideration the budget of the State Department of Public Welfare, but did not take any action relative thereto except to confirm its views expressed in the past as to the establishment of the Food Stamp Plan. Mr. Kirkman submitted a budget amendment to the Governor covering the set-up of the Plan.

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See: Leases, these minutes.

STATE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSIONER:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated September 26, 1941 received from Col. Harry C. Jones, State Employment Commissioner, with a copy of a letter which Col. Jones had written to the Attorney General relative to the question of payrolls from the Board of Trustees of the State Employees Retirement System.

The Board deferred action on this matter until it could learn of the views expressed by the Attorney General in his reply to Col. Jones on this subject.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated September 25, 1941, from Col. Jones, in which it was requested that the Board advise him concerning the treatment of over-age persons entering the State employ. In his letter Col. Jones states that in order to protect the actuarial integrity of the Retirement System, all persons who enter the service at over-age 55 might be required to waive membership, under the provisions of Chapter 728, Acts of 1941.

After discussing the matter it was decided that all persons over age 55 upon entering the service of the State should be required to waive membership, under the provisions of Chapter 728, Acts of 1941.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Col. Jones, dated October 8, 1941, relative to the matter of physical examination of all unclassified employees as a condition precedent to their entering upon employment in the State service. Col. Jones recommended that the employees in service in the of the Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills (393) and of the Sheriff of Baltimore City (36), totaling approximately 429 persons, who are not covered, be included under the provisions of a resolution of the Board of Public Works dated June 12, 1940, which would make such employees amenable to regulation by the State Employment Commissioner, except in the case of employment and discharge.

It was decided to withhold action in this matter until a later meeting.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated November 4, 1941, from Col. Jones relative to the employment by the Director of the Department of Geology, mines and Water Resources of the Board of Natural Resources, of -

George L. Hall - Chief, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering of the  
State Department of Health  
James R. McComas - Senior Assistant Sanitary Engineer of the  
State Department of Health,

to do certain work for the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources in addition to the work done by them for the State Department of Health, and to compensate Mr. Hall and Mr. McComas in the amounts of \$80.00 and \$65.00 per month, respectively, these amounts to be in addition to the salaries received by them as employees of the State Department of Health.

After discussing the matter, it was felt that it would be to the best inter-

est of the State to have these engineers do the work desired of them for the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, and to reimburse them as indicated, since it would be more practical to do the work on this basis than to employ men from the outside, which would be more costly to the State. And, the Board approved this arrangement.

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated October 22, 1941 from Mr. Wm. L. Henderson, Chairman of the State Tax Commission, outlining the practice which has been followed by the Commission in connection with the assessment of motor vehicles for purposes of State and local taxation.

The Board was <sup>not</sup> agreeable to the plan suggested by Mr. Henderson for the financing of this work, but was agreeable to the continuance of the work on the same basis as has existed in the past, if the arrangement could be continued, with the counties to take care of the cost of the work.

#### STOCK CERTIFICATES:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the State is the owner of certain certificates of stock:

- 1- Issued by the Bank of Baltimore County
- 2- Issued by the White Hall Bank,

these certificates having been issued in connection with the re-organization of the two banks, arising out of the banking difficulties in 1933. The Comptroller recommended that since the State is not interested in retaining these certificates because of their having no practical value and an offer of \$3.00 each, having been made by the banks issuing them, the State should close its file as to its interest in these two banks by accepting the offer for the certificates.

The Board approved the recommendation and the Comptroller was authorized to sell the certificates to the banks as indicated.

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: - Old Treasury Building

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated October 5, 1941 addressed to Mr. Chester Cromwell by C. A. L. Wilson, quoting a price of \$96.00 for renewing all gutter, spoutings and fittings, etc. for the old Treasury Building on the State House grounds, Annapolis.

In as much as the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds was of the opinion that the gutters and spoutings are in bad shape and should be replaced, and recommended the price as reasonable, the Board approved the acceptance of Mr. Wilson's quotation and the doing of the work promptly.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated October 11, 1941 from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, advising of the result of a survey made by him to determine the practices in effect at various institutions with regard to honorariums for public speakers on various occasions.

A copy of Dr. Byrd's letter is to be furnished each member of the Board.

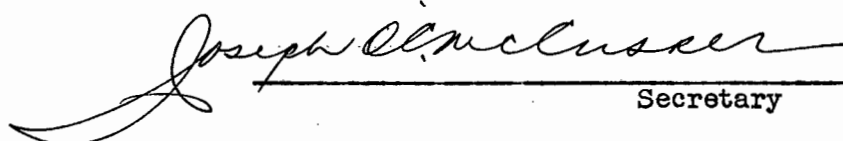
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Princess Anne - Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the matter of dormitory facilities at the Princess Anne Branch of the University of Maryland and advised that the University is desirous of being authorized to use \$5,000 of the funds included in the General Bond Issue of 1941 for the purpose of constructing a dormitory to house forty (40) students at Princess Anne, the University having been tendered the sum of \$20,000 of N.Y.A. Funds to aid in the construction of this dormitory, if the University of Maryland would

make available the sum of \$5,000.00.

The Board approved the use of \$5,000.00 for this purpose.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary